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SUBJ: MEDIA REACTION REPORT: KISSINGER

"JOHANNESBURG'S THE STAR" FRONG PAGE HEADLINE APRIL 26: "WAR VOW BY AFRICA". STORY REFERRED TO CONTENTION OF KAUNDA AND MACHEL THAT OPTIONS FOR PEACEFUL CHANGE IN RHODESIA OFFERED BY THE LUSAKA MANIFESTO HAD BEEN EXHAUSTED.

DAILY NEWSPAPER SERVING BLACK SOUTH AFRICANS "THE WORLD" FRONT PAGE HEADLINE APRIL 26: LEADERS BACK WAR". STORY SAME AS THE STAR.

"RAND DAILY MAIL" EDITORIAL APRIL 27: DR. KISSINGERS REASSURANCE ABOUT NO MILITARY AID FOR "FREEDOM" MOVEMENTS IN AFRICA IS WELCOME - BUT HE SHOULD BE AWARE THAT GLIB COMMITMENTS TO SUPPORTING "MAJORITY RULE" CAN BE ALMOST AS DANGEROUS IN A VOLATILE CONTINENT. THE TROUBLE WITH AFRICA'S CONCEPT OF MAJORITY RULE IS THAT IT TENDS TO MEAN QUITE SIMPLY BLACK RULE, AND IN PRACTICE RULE BY A CLIQUE. IN SOUTH AFRICA, FOR INSTANCE UNTRAMMELED MAJORITY RULE COULD MEAN REPLACING A WHITE NATIONALIST GOVERNMENT WITH A BLACK NATIONALIST GOVERNMENT, A PROCESS EQUIVALENT TO JUMPING OUT OF THE FRYING PAN. THE TRAGEDY OF RHODESIA IS THAT MR SMITH WAITED SO LONG AND STALLED SO OFTEN IN DEALING

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WITH LEGITIMATE BLACK ASPIRATIONS THAT HE HAS MADE COMPROMISE ALMOST IMPOSSIBLE. LEAPFROGGING BRUTALLY FROM WHITE MINORITY RULE TO BLACK MAJORITY RULE IS ALMOST CERTAIN TO CREAT CHAOS.... SO WITH SOUTH WEST AFRICA. PARROT CALLS FOR MAJORITY RULE ARE

ACTUALLY HARMFUL SINCE THEY SCARE THE GOOD SENSE OUT OF MINORITIES. THE REALITY OF AFRICA IS THAT THE INTERESTS OF MINORITY FACTIONS, TRIBES AND GROUPS HAVE TO BE PROTECTED.... IN THE MEANTIME, POLITICAL RESOLUTION IN SOUTHERN AFRICA DEPENDS ON SATISFYING THE ASPIRATIONS OF MAJORITIES WHILE ASSUAGING THE FEARS OF MINORITIES."

"OGGENDBLAD" FRONT PAGE HEADLINE APRIL 26: US REFUSES AID FOR TERROR. STORY REFERS TO KISSINGER REJECTION OF MILITARY AID TO BLACK NATIONALIST MOVEMENTS.

"BEELD" FRONT PAGE HEADLINE: "DR KISSINGER WARNS THE SOUTH" STORY QUOTES KISSINGER ARRIVAL STATEMENT IN LUSAKA THAT THE SITUATION IN SOUTHERN AFRICA IS ONE OF THE BIGGEST POLITICAL AND ECONOMIC PROBLEMS FACING AFRICA AND THE WORLD". EDITORIAL QUOTES EARLIER KISSINGER STATEMENT THAT HE COMES TO AFRICA TO IDENTIFY WITH TWO GREAT AFRICAN AIMS. HUMAN DIGNITY AND ECONOMIC PROGRESS. "SOUTH AFRICAN CAN PASS THE TEST. WE CAN HONESTLY SAY THERE ISN'T A LAND IN AFRICA WHERE THE PEOPLE ARE MORE INTENSELY AWARE OF HUMAN DIGNITY AS SOUTH AFRICA IN THE VORSTER ERA. IT HAS BECOME PART OF OUR DAILY DIET TO BE CONSCIOUS OF HUMAN DIGNITY...THERE ARE DAILY TRANSGRESSIONS, FAILINGS, BUT GOODWILL IS BUILT INTO EVERY LEVEL OF WHITE SA....MANY BLACKS WOULD CONCEDE THAT MATTERS ARE MUCH IMPROVED OVER EVEN THREE YEARS AGO. AS FOR ECONOMIC PROGRESS, OUR BLACKS ARE DOING WELL, MEASURED IN EITHER THE SA OR AFRICAN CONTEXT. THUS WE FIND IT STRANGE THAT DR KISSINGER SEES US IN QUARANTINE. THIS IS OUR PROBLEM WITH AMERICANS: THEY ARE FED A DIET OF OBSOLETE PRECONCEPTIONS, SO THAT WHEN THEY DO COME HERE, FOR EXAMPLE SENATOR PERCY THEY ARE CAPTIVES OF THEIR OWN PRECONCEPTIONS. THEN THEY SAY THIS IS LIKE BEING ON MARS.....

"DIE TRANSVALER" EDITORIAL APRIL 27 SCEPTICAL ABOUT KISSINGER'S IDEAL OF MAJORITY RULE COUPLED WITH PROTECTION OF MINORITIES: "IT HAS OFTEN BEEN DEMONSTRATED THAT SO-CALLED MAJORITY GOVERNMENTS IN AFRICA DEFINITELY DO NOT MEAN THAT DIFFERENT UNCLASSIFIED

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PARTIES FREELY CONTEST FREE ELECTIONS. IN AFRICA TODAY THERE ARE 19 MILITARY DICTATORSHIPS AND 17 ONE-PARTY GOVERNMENTS.

ANGOLA AND MOZAMBIQUE ARE THE LATEST EXAMPLES.....NOW RUSSIA AND HER CUBAN LACKEYS HAVE COMMITTED THEMSELVES TO SUBVERTING THE EXISTING ORDER IN SOUTHERN AFRICA. UNTIL DR KISSINGER GIVES CLEARER INDICATIONS THAT HE IS AWARE OF THESE AFRICAN REALITIES, WE SHALL UNFORTUNATELY HAVE TO TREAT HIS AFRICAN STATEMENTS WITH GREAT SCEPTICISM."

CAPE TOWN'S DIE BIRGER,AFRIKAANS,GOVT-SUPPORTING DAILY EDITORIALIZED APRIL 26 THAT "PUBLICITY SURROUNDING THE TRIP CREATES THE

IMPRESSION THAT HIS (KISSINGER'S) TALKS WITH BLACK LEADERS ARE DOMINATE BY 'LIBERATION'AND 'MAJORITY GOVERNMENT' IN SOUTHERN AFRICA. IT MAY BE THE HIGHEST EMOTIONAL PRIORITY OF THE CONTINENT WHICH ALSO GIVES TED IMPERIALISM ITS ADVANTAGES BUT NOISES OVER THIS, WHETHER ENCOURAGING OR RESTRAINING,DO NOT TOUCH THE ESSENTIAL PROBLEMS OF AFRICA. THESE LIE IN THE FIELDS OF FOOD, SOCIAL UPLIFT, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND SOLVENCY. ARTICLE SAYS BY NOT VISITING 'THE OTHER SIDE'--SOUTH AFRICA AND RHODESIA--"THIS COULD MAKE TWISTED APPROACH EVEN MORE TWISTED." BUT, PAPER SAYS TRIP SHOULD BE WELCOMED BECAUSE IT REFLECTS INCREASED WESTERN AND AMERICAN INTEREST IN SOUTH AFRICA, AS REFLECTED BY "SWARM OF AMERICAN POLITICIANS, OBSERVERS AND INVESTIGATORS" PRESENTLY ON THE CONTINENT AND IN SOUTH AFRICA. EDITORIAL ENDS BY SAYING SOUTH AFRICA IS NOT CONNECTED TO REST OF THE CONTINENT AND SHOULD BE, THAT MUTUAL ISOLATION IS TO THE DETRIMENT OF ALL, THAT STATESMANSHIP SHOULD DILIGENTLY SEEK ALL POSSIBLE WAYS AND MEANS OF LETTING SOUTH AFRICA COME TO HER RIGHT AS THE KEY FACTOR IN THE RESURRECTION OF BLACK AFRICA." IN OTHER WORDS, THE WEST SHOULD WORK WITH AND NOT AGAINST SOUTH AFRICA.

LIBERAL CAPE TIMES OF APRIL 27 CARRIED EDITORIAL UNDER TITLE, "AMERICA'S TILT".

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SHE AMERICAN SECRETARY OF STAE DR KISSINGER, HAS BEGUN HIS FIRST FORAY INTO AFRICA, EMPHASIZING THE GROWING IMPORTANCE OF THE CONTINENT IN AMERICAN THINGKIN. WHAT IS SEEN BY MANY UNCLASSIFIED

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ABROAD AS THE "UNFINISHED BUSINESS" OF THE WHITE-CONTROLLED SOUTH WILL BE HIGH ON THE AGENDA WHEREVER HE GOES. IT IS A RELIEF THAT DR KISSINGER HAS, AT LEAST, FOR THE PRESENT, REJECTED MILITARY HELP TO "LIBERATION MOVEMENTS". BUT THE FACT THAT THE QUESTION COULD CROP UP AT ALL SHOULD BE A SOURCE OF REFLECTION AMONG WHITES. DR KISSINGER IS INTENT ON OUTBIDDING RUSSIA AND CHINA IN AFRICA, AND TO THIS END HAS SET THE SCENE FOR AMERICAN MORAL,ECONOMIC AND DIPLOMATIC, IF NOT MILITARY SUPPORT FOR THE GENERAL CAUSES OF BLACK' RULE. THIS APPLIES IN A DIRECT AND IMMEDIATE SENSE TO THE DISPUTED TERRITORIES OF RHODESIA AND SOUTH WEST AFRICA. THE REPUBLIC, WEALTHY ,STRONG AND NOT DISPUTED IN THE SAME WAY, IS IN A RATHER DIFFERENT POSITION, BUT WILL NOT BE ISOLATED FROM THESE PRESSURES. INDEED, DR KISSINGER HAS ALREADY SPELLED OUT HIS SUPPORT FOR MAJORITY RULE IN THE REPUBLIC TOO, WHICH COULD IN ITSELF CREATE A CLIMATE OF GREATER FLUX THAN DID MR MACMILLAN'S WINDS OF CHANGE SPEECH IN 1960.

SO FAR ON HIS TRIP,THUS, DR KISSINGER HAS SHOWN A MARKED TILT IN FAVOUR OF BLACK AS AGAINST WHITE AFRICA. TO RESOLVE DANGEROUSLY CONFLICTING FORCES,THEREFORE,SOUTH AFRICA MUST TRY TO BRING THE INTERESTS AND ACTIVITIES OF WHITE AND

BLACK AFRICA INTO CLOSE ALIGNMENT. THE DETENTE POLICY DID MUCH
ALONG THESE LINES, TILL IT WAS WEAKENED BY THE ANGOLAN ADVENTURE
AND THE GOVERNMENT'S FAILURE TO INTRODUCE CONVINCING
REFORMS AT MOMENT THE REPUBLIC'S DETENTE PARTNERS ARE BECOMING
IMPATIENT AND RESTIVE. THE COMMUNIST
POWERS ARE LIKELY TO INTENSIFY THEIR MILITARY HELP
FOR BLACK NATIONALIST MOVEMENTS. CHINA'S ATTEMPTS
TO RESTORE HER PRESTIGE IN AFRICA AFTER BEING CAUGHT BRIEFLY
ON THE "WRONG SIDE- IN ANGOLA WILL SHARPEN COMPETITION AMONG
THESE TWO. AND AMERICAN WILL FEEL UNDER PRESSURE
TO TRY TO OUTBID HER GLOBAL COMPETITORS. THE
DANGERS FOR THE REPUBLIC ARE GROWING. ENDQUOTE ITEM
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